



Chaddick Scholars Program

The Chaddick Scholars program offered by the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development is designed for graduate students looking to gain real-world experience and networks in urban planning and community development. After being accepted into the program, candidates become ambassadors of the Institute, and must successfully complete several requirements before being recognized as a Chaddick Scholar in June, 2016.

2015 – 2016 Candidates



Jennifer Aron

Jennifer Aron is a student in DePaul University's Leadership and Policy Studies master's Program. In 2013, she earned her Bachelor's degree in History and Political Science from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Her international experience includes research, editing and writing for the Council on Hemispheric Affairs and the Washington Review on the Hemisphere. She hopes to give back to society in her future endeavors.



Benton Dosky

Benton Dosky is a second year student in the Sustainable Urban Development program. As a suburban kid in Dayton, OH, he was always fascinated by big cities. Today, he is interested in city and regional planning with an emphasis on transit and urban density.



Romauld Lenou

My research interests lie in local government management, community participation and metropolitan development (urban planning), research methods, public- private partnerships, and policy analysis. Upon completion of my degree, I would like to work in the public sector in a policy design/ analysis capacity on issues dealing with economic development.



Noelle Paige

I fell in love with exploring cities at a young age while traveling with ballet companies. I toured much of the country and while transitioning out of a career as a professional ballet dancer, I earned my B.A. from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Urban Planning and Public Policy. I am pursuing a Masters in Public Administration with specialization in International Public Management here at DePaul and I hope to pursue global sector policy and will be traveling with DePaul to Brussels, Belgium this March to study abroad. I'm very excited to have the opportunity to work with The Chaddick Institute this year!



Jazmine Romero

I graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Soon following, I worked through Teach for America as an educator to help bring educational equity and excellence to under resourced schools. I aspire to influence students' lives by helping local governments and nonprofit agencies fulfill their mission through research, data, and best practices. Eventually, I seek to impact policy as a research analyst for the National Center for Education Statistics.



Rachael Smith

Rachael studied Art & Design at University of Wisconsin-Madison, with a Minor in Business. After graduating in 2012, she worked as a designer at a small studio in Madison before ditching the Midwest for the sunny skies of Austin, where she worked at an ad agency. After 2 years of music and breakfast tacos, she decided she was ready to move home to Chicago and pursue her passion for cities and the environment. Rachael is currently in the Sustainable Urban Development master's program at DePaul and is interested in urban design and sustainability issues. She hopes to use her design chops and critical thinking skills to solve complex problems relating to the way people interact with the urban environment.



Antionette Thomas

Antionette Thomas is a graduate student studying public service management with a concentration in healthcare. This Chicago native and foodie enjoys traveling, reading, horseback riding, and going to the theater and comedy shows. Career goals: Make a difference in the lives of the people I serve wherever I go!



Gray Turek

Gray has a background in accounting and later public service through AmeriCorps. He is studying Sustainable Urban Development to turn his passions into career. His primary study interests are around walkability and social equity in our cities. He plans to work for a nonprofit that supports the development of livable and equitable communities.